

# First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City (PCUSA)

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Christmas Eve

Family Candlelight Communion Service

December 24, 2020

4:00 PM

The Reverend Adam C. Bowling - Pastor

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## WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

\* **GATHERING SONG** *Jesus Oh What A Wonderful Child*

FUPCDC Music Team

Robert Elkins (CCLI# 4206259)

### Chorus

Jesus Jesus  
Oh what a wonderful child  
Jesus Jesus  
So lowly meek and mild  
New life new hope  
New joy He brings  
Won't you listen to the angels sing  
Glory glory glory  
To the newborn King

### Verse

He was herald by the angels  
Born in a lowly manger  
The virgin Mary was His mother  
And Joseph was His earthly father  
Three wise men came from afar  
They were guided by a shining star  
Just to see King Jesus where He lay  
In a manger filled with hay

### Bridge

Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus  
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus  
Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus Jesus

# CHRISTMAS WELCOME

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Tonight is the night!

**When we celebrate the birth of Jesus,**  
and remember the story of God coming to us.

**Tonight is the night!**

When the light of God's love shined,  
**and the darkness couldn't put it out!**

We have gathered to celebrate,  
**Jesus the newborn King!**

## \* OPENING HYMN

*O Come, All Ye Faithful*

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1 O come, all ye faithful,  
joyful and triumphant;  
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!  
Come, and behold him,  
born the King of angels!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

2 True God from true God,  
Light from light eternal,  
born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;  
very God, begotten, not created!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

3 Sing, choirs of angels;  
sing in exultation;  
sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!  
Glory to God, all  
glory in the highest!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
now in flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him;  
O come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord!

## **LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE**

The Sonkwa Family

Merry Christmas! Tonight is the night we have been preparing for throughout Advent. Jesus is born. With the birth of Christ, salvation has drawn near. The God who ordered the chaos of the universe has come down into the chaos of our world. The Word which was with God at the beginning came down and lived with us. While we were yet living in the valley of the shadow of death, the light of new life burst forth.

We light this candle for Christ.

*The Christ Candle is lit.*

## PRAYER

Let us pray. . . We have been waiting for this night, Loving God. We have prepared ourselves for this special time. On this Christmas Eve, let us live as those who let hope, peace, joy, and love reign in our lives. As the candles burn brightly and light our path, let us live as those who have Christ's light burning inside us today and every day. Amen.

## HYMN

### *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

119

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

**3** Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.  
Hark! The herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn king!"

## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

**TIME FOR CHILDREN**

Rev. Adam C. Bowling

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 2:1-15 Spark Story Bible pages 212-217

This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**HYMN**

*Away in a Manger*

115

**1** Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

**2** The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes,  
but little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes.  
I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,  
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.

**3** Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay  
close by me forever and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
and fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

**\* HYMN OF RESPONSE**     *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

121

**1** O little town of Bethlehem,  
how still we see thee lie!  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
the silent stars go by.  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
the everlasting light;  
the hopes and fears of all the years  
are met in thee tonight.

**2** For Christ is born of Mary  
and, gathered all above,  
while mortals sleep, the angels keep  
their watch of wondering love.  
O morning stars, together  
proclaim the holy birth,  
and praises sing to God the king,  
and peace to all on earth.

**3** How silently, how silently,  
the wondrous gift is given!  
So God imparts to human hearts  
the blessings of his heaven.  
No ear may hear his coming,  
but in this world of sin,  
where meek souls will receive him, still  
the dear Christ enters in.

4 O holy child of Bethlehem,  
descend to us, we pray;  
cast out our sin and enter in;  
be born in us today.  
We hear the Christmas angels  
the great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us; abide with us,  
our Lord Emmanuel!

## **SERVICE OF GIVING - CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

*Typically, we collect a special "Christmas Joy Offering" at the Christmas Eve worship services at FUPCDC. This offering assists current and retired PC(USA) church workers who are in need and supports developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color.*

*This year, since we will not gather in person for worship on Christmas Eve, there are two ways you can give to the Christmas Joy offering. (1) You can mail a check to the church with "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" on the memo line. (2) You can go to our website, [www.fupcdc.org](http://www.fupcdc.org), and click "online collection plate" and use the "designated giving" to give-putting "Christmas Joy" or "Joy Offering" in the note field. If you would like to know even more about this special offering, check out this website: <https://specialofferings.pcusa.org/offering/christmas-joy/>*

*Thank you for your continued support of this important cause!*

## **MUSIC AT THE OFFERING**    *The Friendly Beasts*

Hal Wright, Karen Mitzo Hilderbrand, Kim Mitzo Thompson (CCLI#: 7127098)  
The Butler Family

### **Verse 1**

"I" said the donkey shaggy and brown  
"I carried His mother up hill and down  
"I carried His mother to Bethlehem town  
"I" said the donkey shaggy and brown

### **Verse 2**

"I" said the cow all white and red  
"I gave Him my manger for His bed  
"I gave Him my hay to pillow His head  
"I" said the cow all white and red



### **Chorus 2**

Jesus our brother kind and good  
Was humbly born in a stable rude  
And the friendly beasts around Him stood  
Jesus our brother kind and good

### **Verse 3**

"I" said the sheep with the curly horn  
"I gave Him my wool for His blanket warm  
"He wore my coat on Christmas morn  
"I" said the sheep with the curly horn

### **Verse 4**

"I" said the dove from the rafters high  
"I cooed Him to sleep that He would not cry  
"We cooed Him to sleep my mate and I  
"I" said the dove from the rafters high

### **Verse 5**

"I," said the camel, yellow and black,  
"Over the desert, upon my back,  
I brought Him a gift in the Wise Men's pack."  
"I," said the camel, yellow and black.

### **Chorus 3**

Thus every beast by some good spell  
In the stable dark was glad to tell  
Of the gift he gave Emmanuel  
The gift he gave Emmanuel

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Sadie M.

Glorious God, we sing with the angels to celebrate the tremendous gift of your Son Jesus! We rejoice with gladness. You give us wonderful joy and peace in our Savior. Please bless these gifts of time, talent, and treasure. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

# THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

## INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise. . .

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (All Sing)

464

*Our Father, which art in heaven: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*Thy kingdom come; they will be done: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*On earth as it is in heaven: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*Give us this day, our daily bread: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*And forgive us all our sins: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*As we forgive those who sin: Hallowed-a-be thy name*

*And lead us not into temptation: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*But deliver us from evil: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*For thine is the kingdom, the power and glory: Hallowed-a be thy name*

*Forever and ever, amen: Amen*

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music During Communion

*He Came Down*

137

Becca Anderson

He came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have love;

he came down that we may have love;

hallelujah forevermore.

**(Additional stanzas)**

... that we may have light  
... that we may have peace  
... that we may have joy

**\* PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

**WE GO IN GOD'S NAME**

**SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST VIDEO**

Members and Friends of FUPCDC

**\* HYMN**

*Silent Night*

122

1 Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon virgin, mother and child!  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

2 Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born.

3 Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God, love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from thy holy face,  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth  
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth

4 Silent night, holy night!  
Wondrous star, lend thy light;  
With the angels let us sing  
Alleluia to our King:  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born.

\* **CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

\* **EXTINGUISHING THE CANDLES**

\* **CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**     *Joy to the World*

134

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3 No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.

\* **POSTLUDE**

*Wonderful Child* TRADITIONAL SPIRITUAL, Arr. Craig Curry  
Justin Streletz, Pianist

\* **POST-POSTLUDE "EASTER EGG"** *Better Days*  
Alex and Clator Butler

John Rezeznik

\* Please stand, in body or in spirit.

# The 2020 Virtual Christmas Pageant

**Clara** - Innkeeper, Shepherd

**Denzel** - Innkeeper, Shepherd

**Drew** - Shepherd, Wiseman

**Ellie** - Mary

**Jon** - Shepherd, Wiseman

**Kerby** - Jesus

**Lily Paige** - King Herod

**Mike** - Shepherd, Wiseman

**Oscar** - Innkeeper, Sheep

**Parker** - Joseph

**Regina** - Gabriel, Angel

**Narrators:** Clara, Ellie, Lily Paige, Oscar, and Parker

**Direction/Production Team:** Becca Washburg and Becca Anderson

Have a very Merry Christmas!

## First United Presbyterian Church of Dale City, Woodbridge, VA

Ministers.....	People of the Church
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for unto us  
a child is

born...  
and his  
name shall  
be called

Wonderful!

Isaiah 9:6

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